## **PULSE OF WESTERN PROGRESS**

Richest Portion of Utah Soon to Be Opened for Settlement.

UINTAH & UNCOMPANGRE RESERVATIONS

Wonderful Mineral Resources of the Region -Miners Oppose the Assessment Exemption Law-Lander's Rallroad Project -News of the Northwest.

Since the passage by congress of the bill providing for the opening of the Uintah and Uncompangre Indian reservations a flood of inquiries has poured in from every quarter of the union, from thousands of people who desire to be on the ground when the lands are opened for settlement, eays the Salt Lake Tribune. As yet comparatively little is known relative to the richness of the mineral deposits with which the mountains of both reservations are presumed to abound, although the country has been sufficiently prospected and developed to imbue the best informed mining men with the belief that in many places a few strokes of the pick will be sufficient for a beginning that will end with the discovery of some of the richest mines of which the west can boast. Gen erally speaking, a mineral belt extends entirely around the reservations, but the ma fority of mining men have pinned their faith to the northeastern portion of the Uintah reservation, where gold, silver, lead and copper are believed to abound in paying quan-Extensive coal and asphalt fields are to be found in the southern portion Uncomphagre reservation, and gold, silver and lead are said to exist in paying quantities along the White river, near the Colorado line, on the eastern side of the reservation. Rich placer mines have also been discovered on the Green river at various points where it flows through the Uncomphagre, which can be worked at small expense. In no other part of our country are carbons and hydro-carbons found in such abundance as in the southern and eastern portions of the reservations. Great quantities of good lignite are found there. Ozokerite or mineral wax is more abundant there than place yet discovered. Springs pour out semi-liquid streams of naptha, while there is abundant evidence of the existence of large quantities of petroleum. There are many bodies of asphaltum in the reservations which in time will be opened and worked to profit. Near White Rock agency there are stretches of country covered with sand and limestone saturated with asphaltum, making a combination which will possess commer cial value and aid in paving streets and make cheap transportation for this substance Along a number of streams in the southern portion of the reservation are found epsom salts and other mineral salts in such abundance as to make them of great commercial value ere long. A railroad into the country and manufacturing enterprises will solve the question of values of these salts. OPPOSE THE ASSESSMENT LAW.

Miners all over the state are thoroughly aroused in opposition to the passage of Sena tor Teller's bill for exemption for another

year from assessment work on claims.

There are lots of claims, said a miner speaking to a Denver News reporter, which to my knowledge have not been touched in three years. They have been held for the past two years by paying 40 cents each year for recording the exemption. Men who have lots of ing the exemption. Men who have lots of claims, so-called rich men, are the only ones anxious to escape assessment work. For from the law, which it is proposed to keep in force another year. It prevents miners and prospectors from developing camps and s men out of legitimate work.

You see, the poor man is not benefited by the law. Legitimate miners will always do their assessment work. If times are hard, the poor man has more time to do it; in a dull season he will get in assessment work, because there is nothing else to do. The large holders are the only ones to get a benefit. LANDER'S RAILROAD SCHEME.

Lander has a railroad project, says the smelter.
Fremont Clipper, that means something more It is and the other class of men who approve of the undertaking. The extension of this road along the north edge of the Rock Springs coal field, through the rich mining districts of the South Pass, and on to the oil fields of the Lander valley, will meet the approval of thinking men everywhere. It will be a great thing for this section of the country and the men who have the courage to undertake to build this road will find them selves amply rewarded. It needs no argumen to prove that this rqute is one that abounds in great wealth. Coal of the finest quality abounds along the line of the proposed route, rich gold fields lie directly on the line, the wonderful flowing oil wells of the Lander basin must be passed in order to reach Lander. The rich and highly developed farming lands of the Lander valley will be on either side of the road. This much may be said of that part of the line which will run be-tween Green River and Lander. We are glad to state that Colorado & Wyoming Great Northern is a solid corporation with \$3,000,000 in the treasury and with an almost certainty of \$2,000,000 more being available to push forward the construction EXCITEMENT AT GOLD HILL.

There seems to be no question as regards the richness of the mines at Gold City, the latest from the new camp being of a most encouraging nature. There is plenty of the yellow metal down there, and it is exceedingly rich at that. Messrs. Wolstenholme & Morris of the Gold Hill the other day received a piece of ore weighing sixty pounds that is a beauty. It was taken from the vein matter, says the Salt Lake Herald, and is a sample from the shaft on the incline. The sample from the shaft on the incline. The chunk is full of free gold, which can be seen

without the aid of a glass. Wolstenholme & Morris will make a ship-ment of about forty sacks of selected gold ore in a short time and expect to form an ade-quate conception of the value of their output. That their properties are paying ones they have not the slightest doubt, and the con-fidence which they exhibit has a very salu-tary effect upon others who are developing

claims in the vicinity.

Thomas Miller made an interesting experiment with some Gold Hill ore. He took twelve pounds from the incline, with which he combined some shale rock from Parley's canyon, as a flux, and at his foundry treated the man in a capable. mass in a crucible. The result was a on of 13.75 ounces of gold, silver, copper

One-half of this was assayed, the returns showing a rate per ton of twenty-six ounces gold, 22.4 per cent copper, six ounces silver and 68.6 per cent of iron. This is a most re-markable showing, but is none the less a fact, and tends to confirm statements made regarding the richness of the deposits.

Matters at Gold City in the way of building are very quiet on account of the severe

cold, but as soon as a change occurs it is expected that everything will be again re-

CARLOADS OF ONYX.

As soon as a road can be broken through the anow to Public Grove canyon the hauling of onyx will begin, says the Brigham (Utah) Bugler. These onyx beds are twelve miles Bugler. These onyx beds are twelve miles from the Brigham station, which distance must be covered by teams. Over five car loads of a superior quality are now quarried and ready for shipment. The blocks weigh from 2,000 to 5,000 pounds spiece. Each block will make a wagon load. It is beautiful material and shows five distinct colors. The proprietare have made arrangements. The proprietors have made arrangements with a large Chicago firm to take these five car loads. Shipping should have been begun February 15, but the inclement weather and snow-blocked roads prevented. The Union Pacific company is favorably considering the request to put in a large derrick at the Brigham station for loading the huge slabs on to the cars. This twelve mile haul will give employment to a good many Brigham men and teams this summer.

PARK OF PETRIFIED FOREST.

Apache county, are ten miles square, and according to the memorial are covered by trunks of trees, some of which measure over 200 feet in length and from seven to ten feet in diameter. The legislature represents that "ruthless curiosity seekers are destroying these huge trees and logs by blasting them in pleces in search of crystals, which were very brilliant. We could account in part for the Auroras, but he most singular thing to account for was destroying these huge trees and logs by blasting them in pieces in search of crystals, which are found in the center of many of them, while carloads of the limbs and smaller pieces are being shipped away to be up for various purposes. To make t a public park would preserve the tract vandalism and injure no one, as there are no settlers upon it.'

HIGHEST PEAK IN UTAH. After spending eight months in the exploration of the fastnesses of the Uintah mountains, in many sections of which the foot of white man had never before trod, Cass Hite is about to return to these wilds for the purpose of further exploration and locations. To Cass belongs the full creidt for the discovery and measurement of the highest peak in the territory of Utah, says the Salt Lake Herald, and, in fact, of the immediate intermountain country. ments it has been generally understood that Gilbert's in the Uintah's, with its eleva-tion of 13,980 feet, was the highest point in the territory, but Hite has measured and the peak which rears its lofty nearly 1,000 feet above that of Gilbert's. It peak and on a clear day Hite ascer tained that the mountain is 14,600 feet height. This peak is almost due north of Gilbert's, between the extreme headwaters of the Bear river and Rock creek, one of the largest tributaries of the Its crest is always crowned with snow and for several thousand feet below the summit timber refuses to grow. As yet none of the official maps have given this point in the range credit for being the highest in the territory, but it is more than likely that the

AN INTERSTATE WEDDING marriage took place in the open air inder peculiar circumstances the other day, says a Valley Springs, S. D., special to the says a Valley Springs, S. D., special to the St. Paul Pioneer Press, David E. Powers came here from Montpelier, Vt., to marry Mrs. Minie S. Frink, a widow, from Montpelier also, who had preceded him here, and was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Olmstead, just over the line in Minnesota. Mr. Powers, while in the east, had always received letters from his friends here dated at this point (South Dakota) and reported that the Olmstead residence was in South Dakota. He therefore, on his arrival here, without asking any questions, went to Sioux Falls, the county seat of this county, and procured a license to marry. On the evening of the marriage the minister informed the bride and groom that he could not marry them in Mr. Olmstead's residence on the South Dakota license, as it was in Minnesota, and the party was com-pelled to walk across the road, which divides the states, and be joined together on the South Dakota soil. It was a little romantic, but rather chilly. BIG MINING SALE.

proper authorities within a comparatively

One of the biggest mining sales that has place in northern California for many has just been consummated, says the San Francisco Examiner. The noted Iron Mountain group of mines, twelve miles northwest of Redding, in Shasta county, was sold by N. F. Cleary, formerly of Leadville, now of New York, and Hugh McDonnell of Mon-tana and Colorado, to Charles W. Fielding of York and London, for himself and a syndicate of English capitalists. grandfather, four generations back, was the contemporary of Smollett, author of "Tom Jones," and famous in the annals of liter-The amount of the purchase as given

\$500,000, though in some quarters it is said to have been \$300,000. The money was paid over and the transaction closed at the Bank The property consists of 360 acres of pat-

tented ground and 940 acres of timber, comprising the whole of what is known as Iron Mountain, on the Sacramento river, above It lies eight miles from the old Redding. town of Shasta, once the county seat. It is a silver, copper and gold property, and has been worked for many years. It has produced about \$600,000 worth of ore. There is a twenty-stamp mill at the mine, but, as the ore is essentially what is termed

a "smelting proposition," a smelter of very large capacity will be erected. It will treat, tone a day and will be larger than the noted Argo, or the Grant works, at Denver. About 1,000 men will be employed in the mine and

It is estimated that there are 500,000 tons than the ordinary scheme which is too often only on paper. The project to build the Colorado & Wyoming from Green River to Lander will meet the approval of capitalists at twenty times this quantity. The price of who have the money to invest in the road the mine, including the working capital, inthe mine, including the working capital, in-volves a sum, according to Messrs. Cleary and McDonnell, of about \$700,000.

It is expected that the purchase, together with the erection of the large smelter and the development of the mine, will cause great activity in and about Redding. All of the ore of the mine furnishes a base for smelting, so it is stated, and all the silicious gold ores of the vicinity may be used as a flux. IMPORTANT OIL FIND.

A discovery has just been made by Henry . Brenning, while working on his irrigation tunnel, that is likely to prove of greater importance to Douglas and Converse county than any occurrence since its organization, ays the Douglas Budget.
This is nothing less than the finding of an

oil bearing stratum of sandstone and the striking of a vein of oil near the surface. While at work in the tunnel some time ago Mr. Brenning struck a peculiar, soft sandstone that had a strong smell of oil. On being examined it was found to be so thoroughly saturated with it that it would stain anything with which it came in contact, and would make fire from an ordinary match,

burning vigorously for some time.

The other day, after a blast had been put off, it was found that a seam or vein in the rock had been opened from which the has been examined and pronounced equa in every respect to that found in the Salt creek field, and which has already found layor as a lubricant wherever it has been tried. An entire section of land has been filed on and further developments will be vigorously pushed.

WOLF BOUNTIES.

The wolf bounty law is attracting most profound interest among stockmen, and they are watching the proceedings of the legis-lature earnestly, says the Cheyenne Sun. The ravages of wolves this year have to an extent never known before. Spaugh, the well known cattleman, writes hat wolves are becoming so ravenous they even attack persons and come right up to the doors of ranches. He states the on wolves should not be less than \$5 a head make the business profitable to trappers, as during a great part of the year the skins are valueless. The bounty bill carrying \$3 for wolves and \$1 for coyotee has been recommended for passage in the senate, having passed the house, and it carries an appropriation of \$25,000.

ELUDING THE SNOW. A wire ropeway recently has been erected for transporting ore from the mine to the mill at the English Mountain mines in Nevada county, California. The ore, says the Grass Valley Tidings, is transported 2,800 feet, with a drop of 600 feet. The nominal capacity is 100 tons in ten hours. The line passes up a very rough and broken gulch, on one side of which rises a perpendicular cliff 600 feet high. The upper end of the line is very steep the fill on the upper terminal sets being from

forty to fifty feet higher at the outer side.

The line crosses Jackson lake, being supported on structures placed on the high bluff at the upper or mine side of the lake, and stretches across to a forty-foot structure between the mill and the lake. It passes into the upper part of the mill and dumps the ore on a grizzly above the rock-breaker. The altitude above sea level of the upper terminal is 9,150 feet and the fall of snow averages fifteen to thirty feet. The line is so constructed that this will not interfere with the operation of the rope way, as the

buckets swing thirty to 150 feet above the The English Mountain Mines company ba erected a twenty-stamp mill to start with which may be added to later on, and is working on a comparatively low grade ore.

A NIGHT MIRAGE. While the writer, in company with another gentleman, was returning from the literary out in the Eastman school house district, three miles south of this village, writes an Alpens correspondent to the Sloux Falls Argus-Leader, we witnessed a very singular PARK OF PETRIFIED FOREST.

A memorial from the legislative assembly of Arizona has been presented to congress. Says a Washington special to the Denver News, requesting that the lands covered by the petrified forest be withdrawn from entry until the advisability of making a public park of it can be settled. The lands are in

the most singular thing to account for was the apparition that appeared so much like a train of cars. Woonsocket can be seen only on a clear, bright morning when a mirage is on. "Was it a mirage by night? Or was is on. "Was it a mirage by night? Or was it a forerunner of some unforseen event?" the writer asks, to which we would suggest it may have been an aftermath of bad

whisky SOUTH DAKOTA'S BUFFALO HERD.

An item recently appeared in the dispatches from Deadwand giving D. F. Carlin, commonly known as "Doug," considerable prominence as being the owner of the only buffalo herd in South Dakota, says the Sloux Falls Argus-Leader. The facts in the case are that while Mr. Carlin was chief clerk at the Cheyenne River Indian agency Dr. McChesney, he became enamored v Since half-breed, the daughter of a pioneer Frenchman by the name of DuPree. Later he married to this fair maiden (for such really was), and finally, on losing his job at the agency, he settled down on the ranch owned by Dupree and located some fifty miles west of the Cheyenne river. Mr. Du Pree is very wealthy. He has cattle and Pree is very wealthy. He has cattle and horses without number, and owns the buffalo herd referred to. Mr. Carlin has gained the confidence of his father-in-law to such an extent that in the old man's declining years he has practically turned over the control of his business affairs to him, a compliment quite worthily bestowed. The buffalo herd alone is very valuable. Last season Mr. Du-Pree sold one, an old bull buffalo, for which ie received an even \$1,000. He refuses ab colutely to sell any of the cows, and but sel-lom consents to sell a bull. He had no less than twenty opportunities last year to dis-NARROW ESCAPE FROM WOLVES.

It is popularly believed nowadays that the only wolves that one need fear are those in the tales of adventure which come in cheap library form, but the Merrill Advocate tells of a northern Wisconsin experience that leads ne to believe otherwise. Charles Smith, the ccount says, who is an employer of Jacob Savard's camp, three miles from Flambeau, started not long since on his way to his home in Flambeau. With no moon to light the path he experienced considerable difficulty n finding the way through the dense forest. Suddenly from the underbrush burst forth a bark that has caused many a brave heart to quali-that of hungry wolves. They charged upon Mr. Smith, but he being nimble as a squirrel was soon among the uppermost branches of a giant tree. The rapacious beasts, after perambulating around the trefor some time, gave vent to a dismal howl disappointment and slunk off. Thinking hey had become discouraged, he ventured to descend, but no sooner had his feet touched ground than the carniverous animals darted again at him. In a moment he was once more safe in the tree. Here he remained somewhat longer than before. Be oming benumbed with the cold he came he conclusion that he would make another attempt for freedom. This time he was not molested by the hungry pack and reached Flambeau in an exhausted condition.

THE DUBOIS TUNNEL. new company is being formed in Dubois to be known as the Dubois Mining and Milling company. The company has just commenced the tunnel, which is to be 1.184 feet says a Dubois special to the Denver News, and is intended to cut the following lodes: Capitola, Victor, Pride of Iowa, Chenowerth and Pride of Denver. These are all true fissure veins running well in gold, one verdict until their fees were paid. assay yielding as high as five ounces in gold meantime the defendant's attorney vein estimated at twenty feet. The intention of the company is to put in a mill at Dubois for the treatment of the ore from which will cut the Capitola at 200 feet, the Pride of Iowa at 486 feet, and the prospects now are that the mill will be needed as soon as it is possible to put it up. The mill will be within the corporate limits of Dubois and will give employment to a number of men. Mr. Griffey says the name of the tunnel is the Dubois tunnel, and has he believes it will show a rich hill. Other properties are working as fast as it is pos-sible to do so. One of the owners of the

It was reported that a rich gold strike was

After three years of good hard work spending considerable money, the owners of the Wyman tunnel are beginning to see a chance to realize something on their invest-ment. The tunnel which is located on Anvil mountain is in plain sight of town and had great faith in the possibilities of that mountain. The turnel was run something like 670 feet when the vein was cut this week. Already the vein has been cut over seven feet and the other wall has not been reached. The quartz is fairly alive with brittle silver and runs very well in gold This property promises to prove the bigges shipper in the county and will be a great help to the town, as every one working on the mine will live in the city.

BIG RABBIT HUNT.

About fifty visitors, twenty from Pueblo, like number from La Junta, and seven from Denver engaged in the annual jack rabbit hunt at Las Animas, says a special to the

Denver News, It may seem incredible that over 6,000 rab bits should have been killed in two days, espe cially when the rules of the hunt limited all hunters to shotguns, but the jacks are so numerous this year that the poorest marksman could not miss a shot. The rabbits have been hung up and photographed, and the citizen expect to ship them to Parson Uzzell at Denver if they are wanted. A few such hunts as this, it is hoped, will

id the country of these pests. The citizens of Las Animas gave the hunters a grand ball and supper at the opera house. The exact count shows 6,522 rabbits killed,

fifty-six ducks, ten owls, one eagle and one hawk. The Pueblo men killed the greatest IOWA.

The system of waterworks at Rolfe, costing \$7,000, has just been completed. The Murphy gospel temperance meetings

at Davenport are being attended with great success. turn to Des Moines and again become editor of the State Register.

B. F. Smith, a Chicago traveling attempted to jump across a gutter of muddy water at Clinton and broke an arm. Mary Wondrazeck of Dubuque has brought

suit for \$2,000 damages against Anna Bed-soe for calling the plaintiff a thief. The bondsmen of ex-Auditor W. H. Johnson of Muscatine county have been sued to recover the amount of his theft, about \$2,500.

John Underhill of Reinbeck is in jail at Grundy Center under \$300 for petty thiev-ing. He had been looting farmers' wagons night and entering stores. The was found in his house. Henry M. Bates of Iowa, one of the exam

iners in chief of the patent office at Washington, has been requested to resign, but has declined to comply with the request. He will probably be removed. The Baptist church society at Mason City

has settled its loss with the insurance com-panies and received \$2,937. It is learned that over \$4,000 has been subscribed toward the new church and that building will commence early in the spring. Great excitement was caused at Mount Ayr by Deputy United States Marshal Rich-

ards arresting B. C. Warren, a prominent member of the Law and Order league, for bootlegging liquors. Warren was prom-inently connected with the prosecution of druggists at the last term of court in Ringgold county.

A new survey of lands in Mills county adjacent to the Missouri river is now being made. The fickle stream has wiped away so many acres of rich lands that it is be lieved the county has 4,000 or 5,000 acres less than it had ten years ago. The middle of the river being the state line, in a ma-jority of cases, Missouri has been the gainer.

power, and when it burst the force was such that a piece of the saw struck a house at quite a distance from the machine

ball club-its being organized at Norfolk. The Beemer Times has celebrated its ninth hirthday J. H. Dundas has taken sole control of

NEBRASKA.

the Auburn Granger. A wolf hunt will be held in Antelop county on March 6?

Falls City is expecting to have a new foundry located there this season. Wakefield farmers and citizens are taking steps to establish a creamery. Crete is making an effort to capture the ounty seat of Saline county.

Farmers' bank of Rogers has been reorganized, with John Henry as cashier. Some of the county schools in Cheyenne ounty have been closed for want of funds Fillmore County Teachers' association held an interesting meeting at Geneva last week. The har docket of Stanton county con-

forty-three cases, of which five are criminal. A Congregational Sunday school convention will be held at Alma on Wednesday and Thursday next.

Hard times are not affecting the trade of the DeWitt creamery, which is doing an mmense business. One hundred converts have been gained

by the revival meetings at the Methodist church at Norfolk. The large general store of B. D. Cobb at Cedar Rapids has been closed by attachment in favor of Corbin, May & Co.

The encampment of the Southern Nebraska District Reunion association will be held next Thursday at Fairbury. R. C. Bauer has sold his interest in the Homer Independent to W. W. Allen and J.

Jesler, who will take control at once.

Nels Anderson's 7-year-old son, living near Emerson, fell over a fence post and almost severed his nose from his face. Harvey Harrod of Burchard secured second prize for an animal story sent to the Chicago Inter Ocean. There were 1,000 competitors. Rev. James Elliott of Plattsmouth, pastor of the South Park Baptist Mission church, has received a call to Alma Harlan county. A wagon ran over the legs of the oldest son of John Lewis of Hayes Center, break-ing both the bones between the knee and the

ankle. Rev. T. Scott Miller, a Presbyterian min ister at Emerson, has been invested with the rights to practice law in the district courts.

H. T. Wilson has purchased the Western Wave, which he has edited for one year. He starts on the second year as editor and proprietor.

Mrs. T. Dunn of DeWitt is the owner of a violin that is 150 years old. It bears the inscription, "Antenius Stradiuarius Gremoninscription, "Antenius Strad enfis Faciebat Anne, 1742." One of the Norfolk people who secured

relief from the state had \$3 left over after satisfying her immediate wants, and invested the money in a pair of pollow shams. James H. Barrett has succeeded John W Wilson as county judge of Keith county. Judge Wilson resigned when Governor Hol-comb appointed him commandant of the Soldiers' home.

A strange phenomenon was witnessed by of Butte the other day. A large circle with four sun dogs at regular inter vals was seen in the sky, and lasted for about twenty minutes, after which it faded away. A Broken Bow jury refused to return

on ore from the Pride of Iowa, which has a motion that the time for the verdict had lapsed, and it is likely that a new trial may be necessary. The Butte Gazette registers a complain against the terrible tales of hardship and

starvation that are being sent over the try concerning Boyd county, and explodes fabrication concerning a family that had been living on the flesh of a mule that had been starved to death. Billy Worline of: Minden has a dog which

the Billy Worline of Minden has a dog which has a trick of picking up money from the floor when it is thrown to him. The other posday he added a feature to his trick which the was not part of the program. He was to ore thrown a \$20 gold pece, which he picked up Edna M., in Poverty Gulch, stated that ore was growing better and better every day.

ANOTHER GOLD PRODUCER.

ANOTHER GOLD PRODUCER. They have improved on the old way of setmade in the Robert Bonner mine, above the tling law suits in Filimore county. Two Burro bridge, says the Silverton Standard, neighbors got into a quarrel and all the

This property has produced several ounces of gold the past summer and was considered but the boys brought the litigants together Gottleib Fritz, a farmer living near Hol-brook, was worried over the failure of his crops and the destitute condition in which he been left, so that he has come to imagine himself a money loaner. He proclaimed from ril mountain is in plain sight of town and housetops and hay stacks that he was pre-was started by Louis Wyman and others who had great faith in the possibilities of that on long time and charge no interest for it. He has been taken to the insane asylum.

WYOMING. About 6,000 tons of coal are being mined faily at Rock Springs. A pipe line is to be built from Casper to the

Pennsylvania oil wells north of that city. Rawlins women wrote all the matter for late edition of the Republican of that city Big Horn county people complain that hey have not had mail for nearly two weeks.

Five couples dancing for a prize at Cheyenne kept it up for two hours and forty-seven minutes. There are forty-one miles of trackage in one of the Union Pacific company's mines at

Rock Springs. State Engineer Mead says that 75 pe cent of the water rights of the state are still unappropriated and unused. A test has just been made of the Laramie

plains coal and its showing is aid to be up among the best of the state. A Casper physician says he has discovered a new compound which will kill the scab and still be harmles to the sheep. Miss Nina Pettigrew, formerly of Sun

dance, is now a woman evangelist, and is said to be meeting with great success at Lusk The Saratoga Sun reports that the Four Mile placers have been sold to Omaba parties for \$25,000, and will be extensively worked

Ranchmen along the Big Laramie river are suffering from black leg in their stock. One ranchman has lost several head of fin-

The coal output in the different mines of the state for the past year was 2,202,000 tons The number of fatal accidents was thirteen out of 3,453 men employed. In Big Horn county wolves have become

troublesome the stockmen have pooled their ssues and contributed to a fund, which, added to the state bounty, gives a reward o \$35 for each wolf killed. Two men in the Rock Creek tie camp are

reported to have hauled ties from the moun-tains down to the creek by means of a horse mounted on snowshoes. The animal is said to have taken kindly to the shoes. W. F. King has been at work in the Rock creek tie camp during the winter and says

that they have gotten out between 40,000 and 50,000 railroad ties and mine props dur-ing the season. Twenty-five men have been at work there, but they all have been dis-charged and the camp is now closed for the season. The drive down stream probability be made in June. The props are The drive down stream will in all A man named Yocum and his son-in-law

Edwards, were arrested at Buffalo charged with killing beef on, the abandoned Fore McKinney reservation. The parties came here last fall from Nebraska. The beef killed was a cow belonging to W. F. Williams. The alleged killing occurred one mile above the old post and was discovered by William Mogaridge, who was out prospect-ing for gold rock recently brought in.

There is considerable excitement at the Big Laramie placer fields over a big strike that was made a few days ago. A prospect hole was sunk on one of the claims belonging to the Dodge County Placer company to bed rock. They panned out from 75 cents to \$1 per pan. The gold is different from any other that has been panned since the dis-covery in the camp, all of it being round or block pieces. In fact it is the only place where bed rock has been struck, and it pans out beyond all expectations.

An Owen correspondent of the Larami Boomerang states that cattle in that region have wintered exceedingly well so far, but the ravages of wolves have been something

stock has been killed or mutilated so that they have to be killed. The correspondent declares that what is true of that region is also true of other sections of Albany county. Similar news comes from Fremont county. SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Mennonite colony of Bon Homme county has received from Minnesota a carload of seed wheat. Secretary of the Interior Smith has assured Major Pickler that the Yankton Indian reservation will be opened April 1. The president

will shortly issue a proclamation to that A largely attended meeting of the patrons of the Lisbon cheese factory was held, and it was decided to operate the concern during the coming season as a co-operative association, purchasing the plant of the present owner

Arrangements are being made to start reamery at Westport, a few miles north of Aberdeen. It is reported on good authority that D. M. Ferry, the well known seed man, will open up a branch seed farm in Spink county Two railroad lines have been surveyed

through Vale, a small town about twenty-six miles east of Belle Fourche. One will be from Mandan, N. D., to the Black Hills, and the other from Sioux Falls via Pierre to the Pacific coast.

About three years ago W. A. Eaton, a farmer near Claremont, S. D., placed \$280 in a tin can and buried it. A few days since he wished to draw some money from his im-provised bank, and was surprised at not being able to locate it. He spent two days search ing for the hidden treasure before finding it

The mayor of Aberdeen has been notified by elegram that decision has been rendered by the commissioner allowing townsite author ties to enter land. This is construed as al-lowing Aberdeen City to enter land and protect the rights of squatters now on the tract. Authorities consider the case finally settled, after being in litigation over twelve years. General Carpenter of Watertown, com department of South Dakota, and Mrs. Robinson, department president of the Woman's Relief corps, have been in Pierre arranging for the state encampment to be held there is The Woman's Relief corps and Sons of Veterans will hold their annual encampment at the same time and place.

At a revival meeting held in the Congrega tional church at Bryan the other day some culprit placed some cayenne pepper on the red hot stove and in short time minister, mourner and sinners were in a perfect convulsion of coughing, wheezing and sneezing. Services had to be dismissed and much indignation was felt over the matter. This offens is a crime in South Dakota. Rev. Prior is collecting evidence and arrests will follow. COLORADO.

Denver and Aspen miners are developing claims in Pine creek district. The Gold King mill, Ophir, shipped thre weighing in all 528 ounces in gold. The Huttel mine, in Tip Top district, Gilpin county, yields fron ore worth \$100 per

A tax of \$2 per year on mining claim: is advocated in a number of the mining counties. A mill run from the Mary Etta lode.

Silver Plume, returned two and one-hall ounces of gold and 204 ounces of silver to A new tunnel enterprise, with heavy finan backing, has been started for the rich gold deposits of Bellevue and Gilpin county

will have about one mile less to run than some of the other propositions. A railroad from Creede to Gunnison, to connect with the South Park, is talked of. The South Park line is now preparing to reopen the Alpine tunnel, which would enable them to exchange business with the new road.

has been formed of the famous Ridge group of mines, the Solomon. Ethel and Holy Moses, and that large reduction works will be at once erected and all the ore from these mines treated in one mill. Rich ore has been developed in the lower levels of the Golden Treasure mine, Gilpin county, of which John D. Morrissey is man-

ager. Recent assays show 40 per cent lead and over one ounce in gold to the ton for the entire width of a liberal vein. Should the new mining district of Alham ora prove successful a railroad could soon be run into the camp. The Florence and Cripple Creek road could run a line there from Crip-

ple Creek at a cheaper rate per mile than any other railroad yet built in the Rocky moun-Down at Silver Cliff the Geyser mine has roduced a new mineral, known as proustite. It is a crystallized ruby silver and assays 16,000 ounces to the ton. As high as \$86 in gold have been shown by assays, and of twenty-one assays made from the 2,100-foot level the average was 4,500 ounces in silver. Contractor Frost, who does the hauling for number of Cripple Creek mines, states that more high grade ore is being shipped this month than ever before. He states that from the mines with which he has contracts alone he hauls 150 tons per day to the railroads en route for the smelters. February is the short est month of the year, but for tonnage of ore and value of the same, it will beat the record of any other month in the camp's

OREGON. The Medford brewery has started up again

after being idle several months. Baker City merchants have just purchased carload of candles for underground mining A project is on foot at Salem to establish creamery to use 5,000 pounds of milk daily.

The Corvallis Carriage works has turned out its first farm wagon, and it is all of Oregon wood. A petition is being freely signed at Hunt ington to have that town annexed to Mal-Quarreling in the Astoria volunteer fir

department makes the citizens anxious to have a paid department. Centerville and Greenville have been en gaged in a rivalry for a creamery, and the former has been successful.

A cannery is being built at Gold Beach. Cattle are being purchased in Wallowa

county for the Montana ranges. The machinery is in place for a rolling mill at Lakeview, and it is expected that the mill will begin operations February 20. Eight hundred ounces of gold bullion, valued it \$16,000, from the Virtue mine, were depos ted at the bank in Baker City, early in the month.

Fruit men of Marion and Polk counties will consider matters in connection with operating the Salem cannery the coming season.

A driving association is being organized at Eugene, with the object of improving the county roads and building a macadamized road to Merasis park. Probably 150 men are thrown out of em-ployment near La Grande by reason of the fact that there is no snow in the mountains,

and logging is impossible. Ed R. Bishop, cashier of the National bank of Heppner, says that he has a customer for 1,000 horses of all ages and sexes, colts only excepted, if prices are low enough

The arrangements are all made and work is to commence at once on the new water works system for Athena. Bonds of the city are to be issued in the sum of \$12,000. W. W. Masterson of Cottage Grove has sued the Southern Pacific for \$5,000 for not stopping the train at Henderson station, compelling him to jump off, fracture his wrist

and otherwise injure himself. A hungry coyote made a dash at the little ther of G. C. Pope, near Ontario, the r day, when a dog interfered. The coyote was rapidly whipping the dog when Mrs. Pope approached and killed the beast with a stick.

Peyton Harris caught a large eagle in trap on his ranch near Oakland a few days ago. It weighed twenty pounds and measured seven feet from tip to tip of its wings. It had been carrying off Mr. Harris' lambs, he was fortunate in trapping it. The eagle was sent to Morris Abraham of Roseburg, to

WASHINGTON. In January the Cosmopolis Shingle company

hipped 2,500,000 shingles. Haif a dozen brick buildings will soon be

inder construction at Whatcom. Recent reports indicate the coal production of this state for 1894 as 1,163,432 tons. It is estimated that 75,000 hogs are being fattened upon wheat in Whitman county.

A logging rairoad into the timber north of Montesano, is being planned for at that place. unprecedented in extent. It is stated that the Seattle Salvation army has equipped within a radius of twenty miles of J. N. a large building for feeding and lodging, and Mertz's ranch no less than \$5,000 worth of for repair shops and basket factory, with a

woodyard attached, and will give food and lodging in exchange for work Scattle is considering the question of setting

Codd Brothers will drive 1,500,000 feet of logs down the Palouse river to Colfax this

The Oakesdale Packing company has been ncorporated at that place, for packing both beef and pork.

A petrified toad has been found imbedded in a rock 800 feet below the surfac ground in the Newcastle coal mine. A second shipment of a cargo of 600,000 of lumber to Hawaii from Port Angeles. It is for the Honolulu railroad.

A townsite will be laid out at the Roy Kendall mine, on Huckleberry mountain. Twenty buildings now form the nucleus of a

Twenty-five hogs, weighing 8,940 pounds were recently marketed at Lewiston. That is an average of 357 pounds, and they were

It is estimated that the damages done by he Quilcene floods in January to the railroad, personal property and the county roads and bridges reaches \$50,000. Selections of 1,500 acres of land by Puyallup

Indians have been sent to Washington for approval, and as much more has been se-lected, but the papers are not yet ready. Thankful Hosford, living near Hatton, Adams county, and 91 years of age, made final proof on her homestead. Her memory is un-impaired and she testified to every date conected with her proof without memorandum. A young man was driven away from Star-

buck by an anonymous threatening letter, purporting to be from an organization of tizens. It is now alleged to have come om a man who owed him money, and took this means to save a few dollars. Senator F. G. Deckebach says he will shortly form a company to work the newly-patented machines built to extract the gold from the black sand on the Gray's harbor The first machine has worked to his satisfaction, separating the gold at an ex-

pense of 18 to 20 cents per ton of sand. The sand contains from 25 cents to several dollars' worth of gold per ton. The Yakima tribe of Indians contemplate holding an election in the near future for the purpose of choosing a head chief. Young Kodian, son of the late Kotiakin, will prob ably be chosen. He is 22 years of age. good size and carriage, and wears his blanket like a prince of the royal blood. Indians say that if he is selected the coming pomm dances will be conducted with unusual

vigor and romp. MISCELLANEOUS.

Governor Budd proposes to institute a state Thanksgiving day, on the occasion of the de-feat of the Reilly funding bill in Washington. No important discoveries have been reported in Utah's new district, on Little Cot tonwood, but some promising prospects are the results so far reached.

ng fun of late with a Captain Bradford and his new process. The inventor claimed to save more gold than the ores contained. Ex-Congressman Dorsey of Nebraska has just succeeded in organizing the Lembi Gold Mining company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, to operate in Idaho. The company controls group of ten claims.

Utah mining and mill men have been hav

In the spring the Rocky Mountain Bell felephone company will build a new line o Great Falls, and also extend the line from Helena to Butte. The longest distance ered by this company in Montana is 325 A wild and wooly hunter, dressed in buck skin suit, broad-brimmed hat, etc., disposed

of a wagon load of smoked antelope hams at

fancy prices in Boise, before any one dis

overed that they were ordinary, everyday It is rumored here that a consolidation mutton. The value of the gold produced in Utal last year is estimated at \$1,250,000. mint figure for 1893 was \$853,000. It pected that the mint report for 1894 will show a slight increase in the output of silver, just as it does in Colorado.

> cott and Arizona Central railroad, is to in-terview the Southern Pacific managers in regard to the construction of a competing raiload from Yavapai's capital to Phoenix, connecting there with the Southern Pacific. The extreme cold weather has made the wolves very bold and reports of losses of sheep and young pigs are frequent. In some instances the varmints have not even hesi-

ated to attack human beings. They seem to

Thomas S. Bullock, president of the Pres-

be increasing in numbers, despite the liberal bounty offered for scalps. The survey of the Nez Perce Indian reservation, which is to be thrown open to settlement next May, is nearly finished, and he Indians have already picked out the land hey are going to claim. The reservation con 760,000 acres of land, over half of which s said to be good arable land, susceptible of a high state of cultivation.

Affairs are stirring in the Mercur mine near Salt Lake City, since the completion of the railroads, and the contagion of the activty begins to spread to the entire camp. The itself is putting out 150 tons a and expects to increase shortly to the full 200-ton capacity of the mill. The little rail-road is making six trips daily, and working ooth day and night carrying traffic for the other mines, as well as the Mercur.

Fort Defiance says the Indians are having a hard time to exist this winter. Their wool clip was hardly worth shipping, and they raised no grain last year. They are eating their horses, of which they have great herds. Two representatives of the department are now at the agency investigating the condition of the Navajos. No work is now being done on the irrigation system that is being put in by the government, but it is expected that active work will begin on the ditches in the

Rev. S. Snyder of the Navajo agency a

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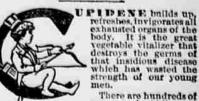
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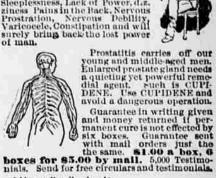
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